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In Montana, our destination resorts and local ski areas are filled with terrain and snow, but not people. And lest you think it's because our skiing is sub-par, perish the thought. We have resorts that consistently rank in the top 25 according to *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Ski*. We have cities ranked among America's "Coolest Mountain Towns" by *Men's Journal*, and "America's Best Mountain Towns" by *Mountain Sports and Living*. Heck, even *Utne Reader* called Missoula the 11th "Most Enlightened Town" in America. Ask anyone who's skied here, and chances are, you'll hear about a favorite run (there are 800 of them, so it may be hard to pick just one). Or our ideal recipe for perfect powder: high elevation, mixed with low humidity. Or the friendly locals who invite you down to the base lodge for a little apres-ski toddy. But then, you might just get someone who smiles and says "Nah, the skiing there stinks." Don't be too hard on these people for fibbing; it's just their way of trying to make sure Montana's slopes stay uncrowded.

A full-page photograph of two skiers descending a snowy mountain slope. The skier in the foreground is wearing a bright yellow jacket, black pants, and a helmet with a white and black design. They are in a dynamic, crouched position, leaning forward. The skier behind them is wearing a red jacket and a blue helmet. Both are holding ski poles. The background is a vast, snowy mountain landscape under a clear sky.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE
SOMEONE ELSE ON THE

SLOPES

BRING A FRIEND.

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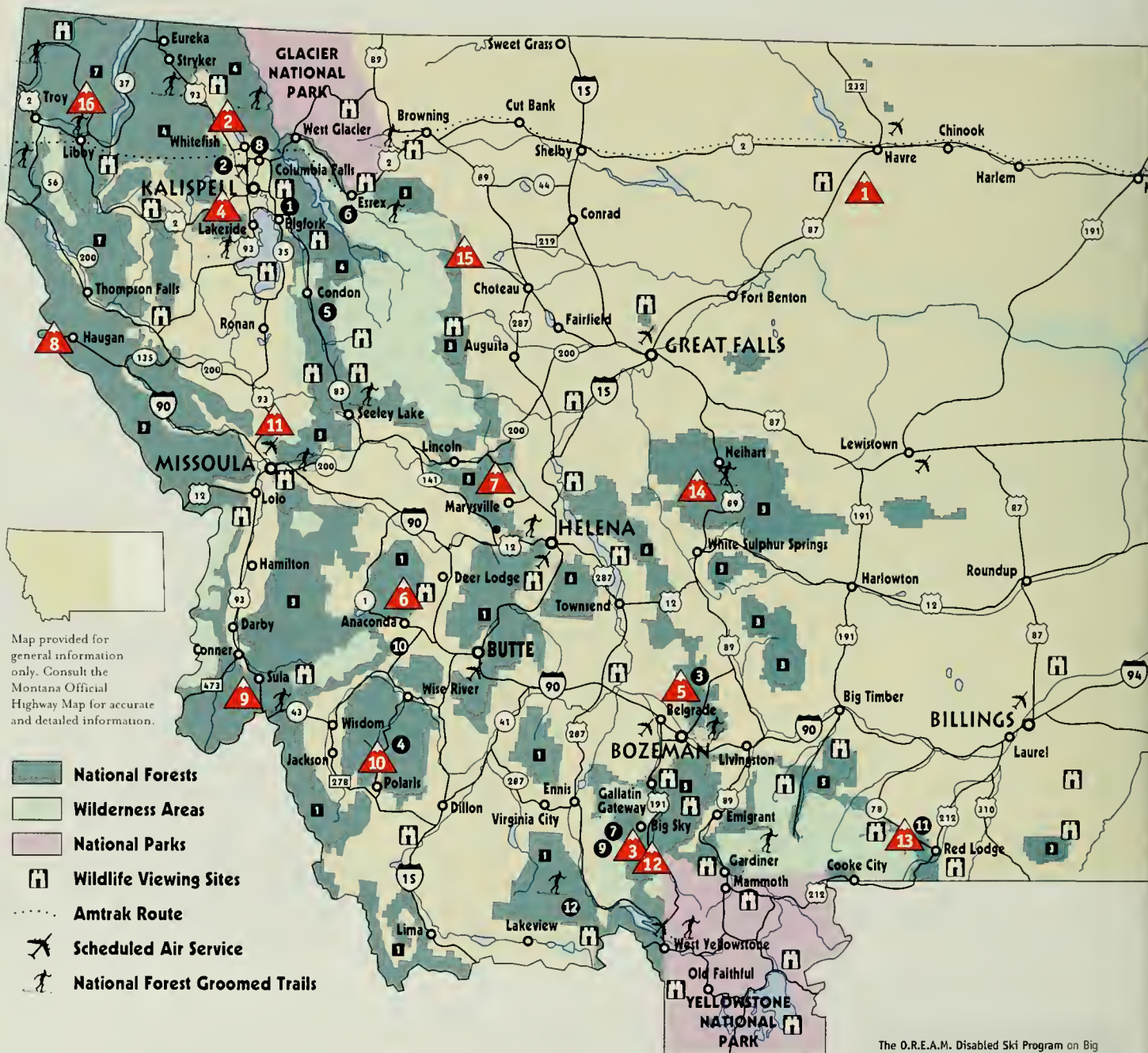
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To fully understand what makes Montana a perfect destination for skiers and boarders, you have to understand a bit of geography. The Rocky Mountains and the Continental Divide—the spine of North America, if you will—run smack dab through the middle of Montana. So our ski resorts aren't built on molehills posing as mountains; they're built on honest-to-goodness, awe-inspiring peaks that scrape the heavens. We're talking mountains 9,000 feet high (that's 1.7 miles for you math junkies). And with those high peaks, we get foot after foot of fluffy white powder. After all, when a giant storm brews over the Pacific Ocean or up north in the Arctic, the clouds

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have to drop plenty of moisture to get over our 9,000-foot peaks. With 16 downhill resorts offering 14,000 acres of skiing on 790 runs, well, you'll quickly discover that Montana has room to share with other skiers. On the rare occasions when you see them.

DOWNHILL AREAS AND GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY AREAS



GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

(See pg. 26 for details)

NATIONAL FORESTS

- 1 Beaverhead-Deerlodge N.F.
- 2 Bitterroot N.F.
- 3 Custer N.F.
- 4 Flathead N.F.
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The O.R.E.A.M. Disabled Ski Program on Big Mountain. Adaptive ski program for individuals with disabilities. Individualized one-on-one ski instruction, free use of adaptive ski equipment and lessons by appointment. Call Big Mountain at 406-862-2909 for information.

Eagle Mount Ski Program—Adaptive ski program for people with special needs, offered at Big Sky, Bridger Bowl, Lost Trail, Red Lodge Mountain and Showdown. Both downhill and cross-country skiing are taught on a one-on-one basis at Big Sky and Bridger Bowl: 406-586-1781; Lost Trail: 406-549-3797; Red Lodge: 406-245-5422; Showdown: 406-454-1449.

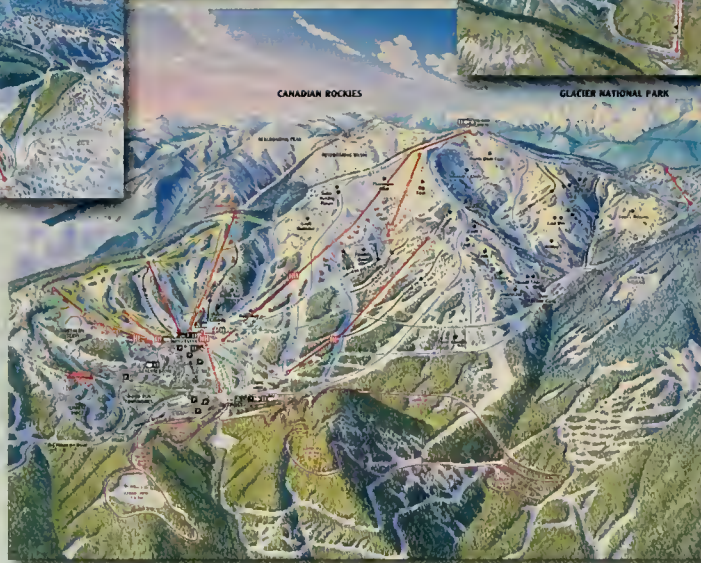
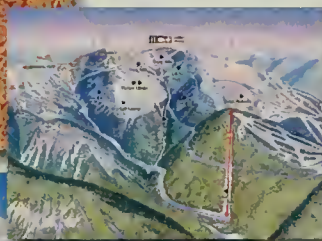
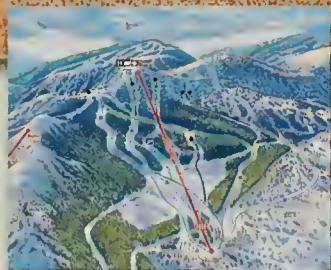
DOWNHILL SKI AREA QUICK REFERENCE CHART

		AVG. SNOWFALL (IN.)	VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	SNOWBOARDING	
	Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre 406-265-8404	140	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D	25	25	25	50	\$17 ††	\$15 8 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation, full services in Havre. New Screaming Beaver tubing run.
	Big Mountain Resort Whitefish 406-862-2900 800-858-4143 www.bigmtn.com	300	2,500	4,500	7,000	13,800	1Q 2DQ 1D 4T 3S	91	20	50	30	\$49 ††	\$36 6 & under free	Yes	Full-service winter and summer destination resort near Glacier National Park. Located 8 miles N of Whitefish on Amtrak route and only 19 miles from airport (FCA) to lifts!
	Big Sky Big Sky 800-548-4486 Fax 406-995-5001 www.bigskyresort.com	400	4,350	7,500	11,166	20,000	1TR 1Q 4T 3DQ 4D 1C 3S	150+	17	25	58	\$61 ††	\$42 (14-21) \$25 (11-13) 10 & under free†	Yes	Full-service resort and conference center between Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park, open summer and winter.
	Blacktail Mountain Lakeside 406-844-0999 Fax 406-844-0990 www.blacktailmountain.com	250	1,440	5,236	6,676	3,900	2D 1T 1S	24	15	70	15	\$30 ††	\$20 7 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 14 miles W of Lakeside, open Wed-Sun 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Open holidays. Lodge with restaurant, lounge, cafeteria. Rentals, ski school.
	Bridger Bowl Bozeman 800-223-9609 Fax 406-587-1069 www.bridgerbowl.com	350	2,000	6,100	8,100	7,300	1Q 4D 2T	69	25	35	40	\$37 ††	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Destination area with plenty of skiing and full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman, close to Yellowstone National Park.
	Discovery Basin Anaconda 888-678-SNOW Fax 406-563-7036 www.skisdiscovery.com	210	1,670	6,480	8,150	7,300	3T 3D	61	20	60	20	\$30 ††	\$15 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area boasts variety and thrills. Some of the steepest lift-served extreme terrain on Limelight Lift. Between Anaconda and Philipsburg. Lodging available nearby.
	Great Divide Marysville 406-449-3746 Fax 406-443-0540 greatdividemontana.com	180	1,503	5,730	7,233	3,900	5D 2S	140	10	40	50	\$29 ††	\$14 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area 20 miles NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, terrain park, night skiing, snow-making. Open bowl, trail and tree skiing on 1,600 acres, accommodations in Helena.
	Lookout Pass Ski Area Saltese 208-744-1301 Fax 208-744-1227 www.skilookout.com	400	1,150	4,500	5,650	3,000	2D 1S	23	25	50	25	\$24 ††	\$16 6 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area adjacent to I-90 on Montana-Idaho border. Thurs-Mon. and Christmas break. Lodge with bar, food, rentals, lessons, 25k cross-country, snowshoeing.
	Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Sula 406-821-3211 Fax 406-821-3742 www.losttrail.com	300	1,800	6,400	8,200	1,925	5D 3S	45	20	60	20	\$25	\$15 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby.
	Maverick Mountain Dillon 406-834-3454 Fax 406-834-3540 www.beaverhead.com/mavenck	180	2,020	6,500	8,520	700	1D 1S	24	20	40	40	\$21	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area W of Dillon, open Thurs-Sun., discounted lift tickets Thurs and Fri., nursery available/reservations requested.
	Montana Snowbowl Missoula 406-549-9777 Fax 406-327-8614 www.montanasnowbowl.com	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	39	20	40	40	\$33 ††	\$14 5 & under free†	Yes	Regional destination area outside of Missoula, vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels.
	Moonlight Basin Big Sky 406-993-6000 Fax 406-993-6606 www.moonlightbasin.com	400	2,030	7,000	10,250	10,000	1DS 3Q 1T	76	25	50	25	\$40 ††	\$30 10 & under free†	Yes	Montana's newest destination ski resort on the north face of Lone Peak. Ski-in, ski-out accommodations, spa and fine dining available.
	Red Lodge Mountain Red Lodge 406-446-2610 800-444-8977 www.redlodgemountain.com	250	2,400	7,016	9,416	10,690	2DQ 4D 1T 1S	71	15	55	30	\$39 ††	\$15 5 & under free	Yes	Destination area with expanded skiing, family fun and full services in the fun-loving, Western town of Red Lodge.
	Showdown Ski Area Neihart 800-433-0022 Fax 406-236-5523 www.showdownmontana.com	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 1D 2S	34	30	40	30	\$29 ††	\$17 5 & under free	Yes	Day-use area S of Great Falls, expanded lodge, kids programs and day care; rentals include skis, snowboards, snowblades, snowshoes, snowrunners and snowbikes.
	Teton Pass Choteau 406-466-2209 www.skitetonpass.com	300	1,010	6,190	7,200	940	1D 1S	26	19	35	46	\$23 ††	\$13 5 & under \$3	Yes	Day-use area, rentals, lessons, lounge and concessions, services in Choteau: open Fri-Sun. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and holidays, or by appointment. Snowmobiling trails nearby.
	Turner Mountain Libby 406-293-4317 www.skturner.com	250	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1D	20	10	20	70	\$23 ††	\$18 6 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 22 miles N of Libby in MT's NW corner, day lodge and snack bar; services in Libby, rentals, open Fri-Sun / holidays by appointment.

Lifts: TR—tram, DQ—high-speed detachable quad chair, DS—high-speed detachable six-person chair, Q—high-speed quad chair, C—high-speed detachable gondola, T—triple, D—double, S—surface. **Rates subject to change. †with paying adult. ††Senior rates available.

BIG MOUNTAIN/ WHITEFISH

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406-862-2900
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Fax: 406-862-2955
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Northwest Montana's Big Mountain Resort is a family-friendly resort famous for snow ghosts, unsurpassed views, miles of groomed slopes, fresh powder and a laidback environment. The resort caters to skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels. Spectacular views of Glacier National Park, enormous bowls and endless glades will keep you coming back for more! Pure Montana—all within 19 miles of Glacier Park International Airport (FCA).

Base Elevation 4,500 ft.
Top Elevation 7,000 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,500 ft.
Longest Run 3.4 mi.
Lift Capacity 13,800 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall ... 300+ inches/yr.

LOCATION

8 miles north of Whitefish, 23 miles north of Kalispell, in northwest Montana.

GETTING HERE

Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west. Delta, Northwest, America West and Horizon Air to Glacier Park International Airport (FCA), Kalispell. Shuttles from airport and train depot available with confirmed reservations. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON

November 28, 2004–April 10, 2005.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Night skiing mid-December through March, Friday and Saturday, 4–9 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

91 marked runs. 3,000 acres on the Flathead National Forest. 20% beginner, 50% intermediate, 30% advanced/expert.

LIFTS

Quads 2 detachable, 1 fixed grip
Chairs 4 triple, 1 double
Surface 3

RATES

Adult \$49
Junior (7–18) \$36
Senior (65+) \$39
Child (6 and under) FREE
Night skiing \$14
Chair 6 FREE (all ages)
Multi-day, group rates available.

RENTALS

Basic package starts at \$20/day
High-performance equipment, snowboards, telemark, cross-country, snowshoe, snow tube, snowmobile equipment available. Ski shops on the mountain offer clothing and equipment.

INSTRUCTION

Group, private, skill builder, snowboard, telemark and cross-country lessons. Specialty clinics include women's and men's clinics and teen camps.

FOOD & DRINK

Wide variety of on-mountain dining including 2 world-famous saloons. Spectacular views of Glacier National Park from the Summit House.

LODGING

Ski-in/ski-out lodging for up to 1,500 guests on the mountain. Pool, hot tubs and shopping. For more lodging information, see Whitefish in the directory, or call 800-858-4143. Free Snow BUS to and from downtown Whitefish. Free Village shuttles.

CROSS-COUNTRY

16 km of groomed trails on the mountain, adjacent to Outpost Lodge. Rentals available.

SNOW CAT SKIING

Guided Cat skiing trips offered to some of the best powder in the Rockies. Four hours of heavenly powder skiing are available for a nominal fee.

JUST FOR KIDS

Full-service day care, kids' ski school for children under 6. Children 12 and under stay free in all on-mountain lodging properties.

EVENTS

Whitefish Winter Carnival, Spirit of Winter (3 shows annually) with fireworks display, sleigh ride dinners, annual furniture race, Friday family fun nights and several full moon dine-and-ski trips.

PACKAGES

Visit www.bigmtn.com for great vacation packages and special ski deals.



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Whitefish Convention and Visitor Bureau
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Fax: 406-862-9494
E-mail: visit@whitefishchamber.org
Web: www.whitefishchamber.org

You could search far and wide across the Treasure State and never find an authentic mountain town with more vitality than Whitefish. Abundant snow and warm smiles set the scene for a unique vacation experience—a world-class town in the heart of the Rocky Mountain wilderness.



This is a town built on the personalities, charm and wisdom of its local residents who work hard and play harder. Every winter the hearty residents of this community band together to welcome visitors with celebrations like the Whitefish Winter Carnival, complete with a hometown parade, penguin plunge, yetis, Vikings, snow sculptures and non-stop parties. Horses and skiers unite in the ski-joring races that illustrate the crossover of the Old West with modern-day adventures.

With one of the closest destination airports to a ski town in the nation, once you land, you're practically here. Eleven miles from the runway, you'll sleep well in one of our 46 hotels, lodges and bed and breakfasts—or grab a cabin or condo for the whole gang.

Eating well is a Montana tradition and Whitefish pushes this to the limits with more than 40 restaurants, from steak to sushi, both old classics and upscale fine dining. After dinner, get up on stage for an open mic night session or just enjoy the band at one of the many hot spots. The Cultural Arts Center offers theatre, dance and music, while our new Ice Pavilion offers you an ice skate with your family, the finer points of figure skating or a rough and tumble hockey game. Stretch with a yoga class, grab a massage or even take a swim at our new Aquatic Center—another community-built endeavor.

In Whitefish, the stars shine bright across the Big Sky, but only when it's not

snowing—which isn't often. Walk the covered sidewalks on Central Avenue for a hearty breakfast made from local products, then catch the SNOW Bus to Big Mountain for a day of winter fun. Three thousand acres of skiing are framed by the craggy peaks of the Continental Divide that define Glacier National Park and crown this magnificent area. Big Mountain is the perfect backdrop to a town that celebrates mountain life, adventure and friends.

Enjoy the feel of the wind as a pack of dogs whisks you through the woods on a dog sled. Wander the miles of cross-country ski and snowshoe trails that wind through the forests and rolling hills near town. Or jump on our 15 kilometers of groomed trails with 5 kilometers lit at night right in the heart of Whitefish. Don't forget a visit to Glacier National Park, just 25 minutes from town. It will make you realize why the most beautiful places in the world are still meant to be kept just a little bit secret.

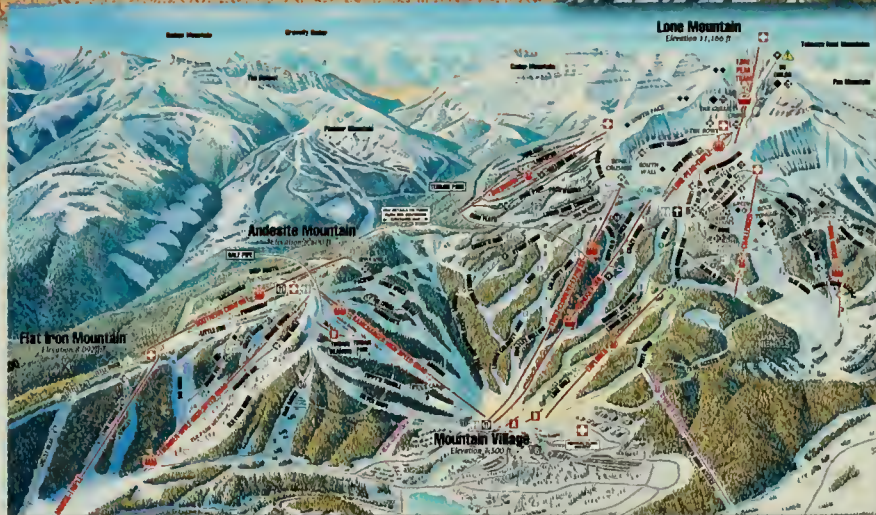


BIG SKY RESORT



800-548-4486

1 Lone Mountain Trail
PO Box 160001 • Big Sky, MT 59716
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Web: www.bigskyresort.com



With over 3,600 acres of exceptional terrain, 400 inches of annual snowfall and a high-tech, high-volume lift system, Big Sky offers its guests an unparalleled ski experience. Add slopeside accommodations and the nation's first national park next door, and you have the ingredients for a world-class vacation in southwest Montana.

Base Elevation 7,500 ft.
Top Elevation 11,166 ft.
Vertical Drop..... 4,350 ft.
Longest Run..... 6 mi.
Lift Capacity..... 20,000 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall.... 400 inches/yr.

LOCATION

U.S. Hwy. 191, 45 miles south of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Delta/SkyWest, Horizon/Alaska, United or Northwest Airlines to Bozeman. Shuttles meet most major flights. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON

Thanksgiving to mid-April.
Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

150+ trails on 3 mountains. 3,600+ acres on private land. 17% beginner, 25% intermediate, 58% advanced/expert. Snowmaking on 10% of terrain.

LIFTS

Trams 1
High-Speed Quads 4
Gondolas..... 1
Chairs..... 5 double, 3 triple, 1 quad
Surface 3

RATES

Adult..... \$61
Youth (14-21)..... \$42
Youth (11-13)..... \$25
Child (10 and under) Free

RENTALS & SALES*

Adult..... start at \$27-42/day
Child..... \$20/day
Snowboard..... \$35/day
Snowshoe..... \$15/day
Helmet (child only) \$5/day
Many on-mountain shops. Multi-day discounts available. *Rates subject to change.

INSTRUCTION*

Downhill, snowboard, telemark, powder, moguls, advanced/extreme clinics and camps for children and adults.
Group lessons.....start at \$45/half-day

For kids ages 3-4, Small Fry Try gives your child a one-on-one introduction to skiing.
Small Fry Try.....\$65

Day camps for ages 4-17 combine skiing and activitiesstart at \$48/half-day

Multi-day discounts available. *Rates subject to change.

FOOD & DRINK

14 restaurants and nightspots in the Mountain Village with many more throughout the community (regular shuttles available.) Enjoy gourmet sleigh ride dinners, nightly movies, gaming, spas, winter fly fishing, day trips to Yellowstone Park, snowmobiling and free après ski kids club.

LODGING

Over 650 lodging options are available, ranging from economy to luxury, with most being slopeside. Choose from hotels, suites, studios or condominiums to best fit your group. Ski & Stay packages are available. Each property includes access to outdoor heated pools, hot tubs, fitness center and sauna or steam room.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Lone Mountain Ranch is a world-class Nordic resort located six miles away. Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for snowmobiling, snowcoach, cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing.

JUST FOR KIDS*

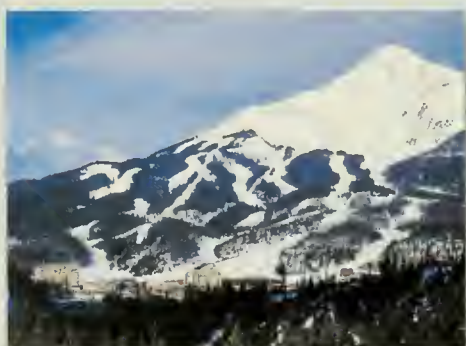
Small Fry Try for ages 3-4 gives your child a one-on-one introduction to skiing, \$65/session. Day Camps for ages 4-17 combine skiing and activities, starting at \$48. Multi-day discounts are available.
*Rates subject to change.

EVENTS

Torchlight parades on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, Saturday night firework displays Christmas through close, Easter sunrise service, medical seminars, ski club groups and on-mountain events throughout the winter.

PACKAGES

Budget season packages offer almost 50% discount on regular season rates for lodging, lift tickets and breakfast (in some properties). Applicable dates are Nov. 25-Dec. 24, 2004; Jan. 1-14, 2005; and April 2-10, 2005, based upon availability. Children 10 and under ski and stay free when accompanied by their parents.



BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

406-844-0999



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Web: www.blacktailmountain.com

Our friendly mountain above the lake offers simply the best skiing for your whole family. Come see what the locals have discovered! Amazing views of Flathead Lake, incredible north-facing powder, great rates and excellent service will have you hooked!

Base Elevation 5,236 ft.
Top Elevation 6,676 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,440 ft.
Longest Run 1.75 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,900 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 250 inches/yr.

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 93, 45 minutes from downtown Kalispell and 2 hours north of Missoula, west of Lakeside on Blacktail Mountain Road.

GETTING HERE

Big Sky Airlines, Delta, Horizon Air, Northwest Airlines to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell. Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west. Highway 93 from Missoula or Kalispell. Rental cars and taxis are available.

SEASON

December to mid-April. Open 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays and holidays. Christmas—every day through holiday period.

TRAILS & SLOPES

24 named trails, 70 acres of gladed tree skiing. 1,000 acres on Flathead National Forest. 15% novice, 70% intermediate, 15% expert. All natural snow on north-facing slopes.

LIFTS

Chairs 1 triple, 2 double
Surface 1 handle tow

RATES.....FULL DAY/HALF DAY

Adult \$30/\$22
Teen (13–17) \$20/\$16
Child (8–12) \$13/\$10
Child (7 and under) Free
Senior (over 70) Free
College Students (with college ID) \$22
Rates discounted Thursdays except holidays.
Group rates available.



ASIA GRAY

RENTALS & SALES

Rental equipment for adults and children. Skis, snowboards, demo/performance skis all available at our shop on the mountain.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark, snowboarding, group or private lessons, beginners, advanced, children or adults.

FOOD & DRINK

One cafeteria and one full-service restaurant—Main Lodge.

LODGING

Nearby Lakeside-Somers, Kalispell, Bigfork and Polson. See directory on page 46.

CROSS-COUNTRY

40 km of groomed trails on national forest land just minutes from Blacktail Mountain Lodge. Call Flathead National Forest at 406-837-7500 for more information.

BRIDGER BOWL

800-223-9609

15795 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
Reservations: 800-223-9609 or
406-586-1518
Fax: 406-587-1069
Snow Phone: 406-586-2389
E-mail: skitrip@bridgerbowl.com
Web: www.bridgerbowl.com

Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs and big bowls. This nonprofit ski area is ranked consistently as one of the top values in the nation.



Base Elevation 6,100 ft.
Top Elevation 8,100 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,000 ft.
Longest Run 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 350 inches/yr.

LOCATION

16 miles northeast of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Airport only 30 minutes away. Delta, United, Horizon Air or Northwest to Bozeman. Call 800-223-9609 for ski package with discounted airfare. Car rentals—most major companies at airport. Motel shuttle offered several times daily from most Bozeman motels: \$6 round trip.

SEASON

December 11, 2004–April 3, 2005.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

More than 69 named runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails and groomed slopes covering 2,000 acres on the Gallatin National Forest. 2,000 vertical feet of lift-served terrain with 500 additional vertical feet on nearly 400 acres for the adventurous expert on Bridger's "ridge." Avalanche transceiver (457 khz), shovel and skiing partner required. One third of lift-accessible skiing groomed. 25% beginner, 35% intermediate, 40% advanced.

LIFTS

Quads 1
Chairs 4 double, 2 triple
New beginner's area with Snowflake triple chair. Perfect for first-time skiers and snowboarders. New triple chair lift replaced old double chair on Pierre's Knob in 2001-02.

RATES

Adult (13–64) \$37
Multi-day (3+ days) \$34/day
Senior (65–71) \$31
Senior (72 and over) Free
Child (6–12) \$13
Child (5 and under) Free

RENTALS & SALES

Ski package \$25/day
Snowboard package \$25/day

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark and snowboard.
Group \$30/1.5 hrs.
Private \$65/1.5 hrs.

FOOD & DRINK

Three cafeterias, including the new Saddle Peak Lodge, with additional seating capacity for 315 guests; full-service bar and grill; food service, beer and wine at mid-mountain lodge; many fine restaurants in Bozeman.

LODGING

Central reservations for lodging, air, car rentals, lift tickets for individuals and groups. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46.

JUST FOR KIDS

Day care (18 months–6 years); "First Tracks" (ages 4–6) includes lesson, lunch, day care and ski rental (full- and half-day rates). Call 800-223-9609 for prices.

EVENTS

Torchlight Parade & Fireworks, December 30; Kinetic Challenge, February 19; Wild West Shred O'Fest, March 5-6; Pinhead Classic Telemark Race, March 19; Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle Event, March 20.

PACKAGES

Ski and lodging packages as low as \$39/day ALL SEASON. Powder Hound Package: buy 3 days skiing and 3 nights lodging and get the 4th day and 4th night FREE—ALL SEASON.



PAUL DIX

888-678-SNOW



DISCOVERY SKI AREA

PO Box 221
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2184
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E-mail: info@skidiscovery.com
Web: www.skidiscovery.com

An expert's brand of thrills served up in a local's hangout, Discovery is a terrific find that will remind you what skiing in Montana is all about. The north-facing Limelight lift offers some of the steepest lift-served double-black diamond skiing around, while the variety of beginner and intermediate runs will suit all abilities. We have breathtaking views and uncrowded slopes with enough tree skiing, powder bowls and mogul runs for all tastes. One visit will make you a believer.

LOCATION

90 miles east of Missoula; 23 miles west of Anaconda at Georgetown Lake on the Pintlar Scenic Route.

GETTING HERE

Fly SkyWest or Horizon to Butte. From Missoula on I-90 to Drummond, then Montana Highway 1 through Philipsburg and over Flint Creek Pass. From Butte take I-90 to the Anaconda exit. Bus transportation from Butte is available on weekends and holidays.

SEASON

November–April. Open 7 days per week from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

2 north-facing backside bowls plus 2 extensive frontside faces brings Discovery to 61 runs, for a total of 614 acres of trails on 2,100 acres of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. Plenty of powder and extreme terrain make for great rides and air for skiers and boarders alike. Nicely groomed runs on both

the front and back offer more for intermediate abilities, with a final breakdown of 20% beginner trails, 30% intermediate, 30% advanced and 20% extreme.

LIFTS

Chairs..... 3 triple, 3 double

RATES

Adult, all lift ticket \$30
Half-day adult (12:30 p.m.) \$22
Child, all lift ticket (6–12) \$15
Child (5 and under) FREE*
Senior all lift ticket (65+) \$15
Easy chair only ticket \$8
College Days Special: \$15 with Montana school student ID (Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Jan. 21, Feb. 25 and March 18).

*with the purchase of an adult all lift ticket

RENTALS & SALES

Sports shop offers clothing, gear and accessories. Complete rental shop offers snowboards and a range of skis including high-performance fat, powder and race skis. Waxing and repair available.

Adult basic set \$15
Child basic set \$13
Snowboard \$20

FOOD & DRINK

Full-service cafeteria and bar with outside grill operating when weather permits. Express line offers fresh sandwiches made to order. Gourmet lunch entrees offered every weekend. Soups and bread made from scratch daily and, of course, our famous Discovery chocolate chip cookies!

Base Elevation	6,480 ft.
Top Elevation	8,150 ft.
Vertical Drop	1,670 ft.
Longest Run	2 mi.
Lift Capacity	7,300 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall	210 inches/yr.

INSTRUCTION

Friendly and professional staff provide excellent lessons! Downhill ski and snowboard group lessons for beginners. Private and semi-private lessons available. Children's ski school provides age-appropriate instruction for 3 years and up. First-timer package deals offer lift, rental and lessons at discounted prices. Women's class also available. New this season: Two-day sessions offered for more advanced children's instruction. Specialized one-day workshops for adults are also available.

LODGING

Great Ski & Stay packages offered at Georgetown Lake and in the historic mining towns of Anaconda and Philipsburg. Both hotels and great bed and breakfasts nearby. Fairmont Hot Springs Resort is located only 30 miles east.

CROSS-COUNTRY

5 km of groomed trails and 15+ km of untracked trails near Georgetown and Echo Lakes with trailheads at Discovery base area. Free maps available in ticket office. There is no charge for using the cross-country trails.

EVENTS

John Mollish and Pepsi Challenge races held each spring. Check website for dates.



GREAT DIVIDE

406-449-3746

PO Box SKI
Marysville, MT 59640
406-449-3746
Snow Phone: 406-447-1310
Fax: 406-443-0540
E-mail: ski@greatdividemontana.com
Web: www.greatdividemontana.com

A tremendous mountain with more than 140 named trails. Lower mountain fun for everyone on nicely groomed runs. The upper mountain features classic slopes and trails, huge open expanses and new-school backcountry-type terrain in the Wild West Adventure Area.

Base Elevation 5,730 ft.
Top Elevation 7,233 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,503 ft.
Longest Run 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,900 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 180 inches/yr.

LOCATION

I-15 Exit 200 between Helena (23 miles) and Great Falls (95 miles).

GETTING HERE

Fly Big Sky, Comair, Horizon, Northwest or SkyWest to Helena. I-15 Exit 200, Highway 279 west to Marysville Road.

SEASON

Lower mountain opens by early November. Upper mountain, Rawhide Gulch and Wild West open by Christmas. Season typically ends by mid-April. Open Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Open daily through Holiday Week.

TRAILS & SLOPES

HUGE! Over 140 named trails on 1,600 acres. Nicely groomed lower mountain features snowmaking, night lights and a big Terrain Park & Pipe with a dedicated lift. Terrific terrain on upper mountain features cornices, cliffs, chutes and glades. Rawhide Gulch new in 2000. Wild West Adventure Area new in 2001.

LIFTS

5 double chairlifts, Terrain Park tow and FREE learning tow.



RATES

Adult	\$29
Student	
(grades 9–12/college/military)	\$24
Youth (grades 6–8)	\$19
Child (grades 1–5)	\$14
Preschool	Free with adult
Wonderful Wednesdays & Terrific Thursdays (Jan., Feb., March)	Two tickets for \$20

RENTALS & SALES

Montana's largest ski and snowboard rental facility features top quality and high-performance equipment.

Students and adults	\$20
Children	\$15
Demos (Dynastar, Salomon and Volkl) ...	\$30

INSTRUCTION

First time free! Skiing, snowboarding, skiboarding. Complimentary lesson and free rope tow.

EZ 1-2-3: Get going at a great rate! 3 days, 3 lift tickets, 3 equipment rentals, 3 lessons. For first-time skiers and riders (1st grade through adult)...all for an amazing \$59.

Personal instruction (one-on-one with the Ski or Snowboard Pro of your choice) is \$25/hour, or \$60 for 3 one-hour sessions.

FOOD & DRINK

Base Lodge Cafeteria, Sundeck Hut, Continental Club Restaurant & Bar, Wild West Cabin (near the summit for snacks and refreshments).

LODGING

Full range including most national chains available in Helena (23 miles). Contact Helena Area Chamber of Commerce at 406-442-4120 or www.helenachamber.com.

PACKAGES

Lift and lodging package at Helena's Hampton Inn—\$40 (per person, double occupancy). 406-443-5800 or helenahamptoninn.com



406-821-3211

LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN



PO Box 311
Conner, MT 59827
24-Hour Snow/Message Phone:
406-821-3211
Contact Phone: 406-821-3742
Fax: 406-821-3742
E-mail: ski@losttrail.com
Web: www.losttrail.com

Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 93, 90 miles south of Missoula. Highway 93 is well maintained.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals available at airport.

SEASON

December–April.

9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Thursday–Sunday and holidays.

Christmas—Every day through Christmas holiday.

TRAILS & SLOPES

45 runs and trails on the Bitterroot National Forest. 20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced.

LIFTS

Chairs 5 double
Surface 3

RATES

Adult \$25; \$20 half-day
Youth (6–12) \$15; \$11 half-day
Child (5 and under) Free
Rope tow \$3
Senior (70+) Free

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package \$16/day
Snowboard package \$26/day
Waxing and tuning available.

INSTRUCTION

All levels of ski and snowboard lessons for kids and adults available. Also available: EZ 123 program, telemark lessons, All Mountain Kids program, Women's Only program and group lessons.

Private \$35/hr.
Learn-to-ski package \$35
Learn-to-board package \$40

FOOD & DRINK

Excellent cafeteria including locally brewed beers and wines at Day Lodge. Great quality with family-minded prices.

EVENTS

Mogul Freestyle Competition in February, Ski Patrol Steak Fry & Dance in March, great spring skiing and our Classic Cardboard Race & Customer Appreciation BBQ in April. We also host the Special Olympics in January and a snowmobile hill climb in March.

LODGING

Local lodging available. See website or call 406-821-3211 for more information.

Base Elevation 6,400 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,800 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 1,925 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 300 inches/yr.



STEVE SLOCOMB

MONTANA SNOWBOWL

800-728-2695

PO Box 8107
Missoula, MT 59807
Reservations: 800-728-2695 or
406-549-9777
Fax: 406-327-8614
24-Hour Snow Phone: 406-549-9696
E-mail: info@montanasnowbowl.com
Web: www.montanasnowbowl.com

Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. There's plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

Base Elevation 5,000 ft.
Top Elevation 7,600 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,600 ft.
Longest Run 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,400 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 300 inches/yr.

LOCATION

12 miles northwest of Missoula.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air, United and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals at airport. From I-90, Reserve Street Exit (Exit 101), north on Grant Creek Road, then left onto Snowbowl Road.

SEASON

Late November–early April. Open daily 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., closed December 25 and Tuesdays early and late season.

TRAILS & SLOPES

39+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing. 1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest. 20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced. 700 acres of "extreme" skiing. Snowmaking at lower elevations.

LIFTS

Chairs 2 high-capacity doubles
Surface 2

RATES

Adult \$33
Child \$14
Child (5 and under) Free
Beginner tow Free
Senior, student and half-day rates.

RENTALS & SALES

Complete downhill packages start at \$13/day. Performance ski equipment and snowboards available.



INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard.

Adult group \$20/2 hrs.
Adult private \$30/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private \$18
Beginner's package
(lift, lesson, rental) \$28

FOOD & DRINK

Double Diamond Cafe in the Snowbowl Lodge, Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain and the award-winning Last Run Inn.

LODGING

On mountain, ski in and ski out at the new Gelandesprung Lodge—hotel/hostel. A complete range of accommodations and ski packages are available in Missoula. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46.

EVENTS

Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday;
Snowboard Jam, February 5–6; Northern Division Freestyle, February 12–13; Masters Race, February 12–13; Gelände Jump Championship, February 26–27; Telemark Classic, March 5–6; Best-of-the-Bowl Race, March 12; North Dakota Downhill, March 13.

PACKAGES

2 days skiing/2 nights lodging, hot tub, ski-in/ski-out, starts at \$91 per person double occupancy.



BRAD MORRIS

406-993-6000

MOONLIGHT BASIN



LOCATION

U.S. Highway 191, 45 miles south of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Delta/SkyWest, Horizon/Alaska, United or Northwest Airlines to Bozeman. Shuttles to the Big Sky area meet most major flights. Car rentals and taxis are available at the airport.

SEASON

Mid-November–Mid-April
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

Over 2,000 acres of long groomed runs, gladed tree skiing and challenging hike-to chutes await skiers and riders for the 2004/2005 ski season. 25% beginner, 50% intermediate, and 25% advanced.

LIFTS

High-Speed Six-Person	1
Quads	3
Triple Chair	1

RATES

Adult	\$40
Junior (11–17)	\$30
College and senior	\$35
Military	\$28
Child (10 and under)	FREE

RENTALS & INSTRUCTION

The Moonlight Basin concierge can assist in all of your on-mountain needs, including equipment rentals and ski school. Please contact them at (406) 995-7716.

FOOD & DRINK

Three slopeside restaurants offer the perfect place to relax and take a break from skiing. The Pony Express Lodge at the base of the Pony Express lift offers a variety of pastries, breakfast items and a lunch menu. The Madison Lodge offers barbecue-style food for lunch. In the Moonlight Lodge, the Timbers Deli has both hot and cold sandwiches. For lunch and dinner, the Timbers Restaurant showcases some of the finest dining in Montana.



1020 Highway 64
PO Box 160040
Big Sky MT, 59716
Lodging Reservations: 866-212-0612
Resort Information: 406-993-6000
Snow Conditions: 406-993-6666
Fax: 406-993-6606
Email: resort@moonlightbasin.com
Web: www.moonlightbasin.com

At Moonlight Basin, guests enjoy long groomed runs, open bowls and challenging chutes in a truly spectacular setting. Ski-in, ski-out accommodations provide access to Moonlight Basin's 2,000 skiable acres. For the 2004-2005 season, Moonlight Basin will be expanding to add a new quad chairlift. Experience the area's finest dining and spa environment at the slopeside Moonlight Lodge. Visit Moonlightbasin.com for an updated trail map.

Base Elevation.....	7,000 feet
Top Elevation.....	10,250 feet
Vertical Drop.....	2,030 feet
Longest Run.....	2 Miles
Lift Capacity.....	10,000 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall.....	400 inches/yr.

LODGING

Enjoy the area's finest slopeside lodging with breathtaking views and beautiful amenities. Ski-in, ski-out from the Cowboy Heaven cabins, Moonlight Mountain Homes, or Saddle Ridge Townhomes. Relax after a day of skiing in the Moonlight Spa and enjoy fine dining at the Timbers Restaurant.

JUST FOR KIDS

Kids 10 & under ski free at Moonlight Basin. Childcare can be arranged through our concierge service. For more information call 406-995-7716.

PACKAGES

Special packages are available for the 2004/2005 ski season. Packages include ski lift tickets, lodging, and use of the Moonlight Spa facilities. Call 866-212-0612 for more information on these great deals.

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN RESORT

800-444-8977



LOCATION

US Highway 212, 1 hour southwest of Billings.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon, Northwest, United, Big Sky or SkyWest to Billings. Rental cars available at airport. Shuttles available with confirmed reservations.

SEASON

November 26–April 10.
9 a.m.–4 p.m. daily.

TRAILS & SLOPES

71 trails and groomed slopes, 30 acres extreme chute skiing and 60 acres of gladed tree skiing. 1,600 acres on the Custer National Forest. 15% novice, 55% intermediate, 30% expert. Snowmaking on 40% of trails.

LIFTS

Chairs 1 triple, 4 doubles
High-Speed Quads 2
Surface 1

RATES*

Adult \$40
Junior \$37
Child (6–12) \$15
Child (5 and under) Free

Multi-day and group rate discounts available.

*Prices subject to change.

RENTALS & SALES

Rental equipment for adults and children; demo/performance skis and snowboards available in our ski shop on the mountain.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, beginner, advanced, adults, children and specialty clinics. First Timers Packages: lift ticket, rentals and lesson. Private and semi-private lessons.

FOOD & DRINK

One full-service restaurant. Two cafeterias. Red Lodge boasts more restaurants per capita than any other town in Montana.

LODGING

Central Reservations does it all! Book lodging packages with airfare, car rental, lift tickets and rental equipment with one call to 800-444-8977. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46.



PO Box 750

Red Lodge, MT 59068

Reservations: 800-444-8977 or

406-446-2610

Snow Phone: 406-446-2610

Fax: 406-446-3604

E-mail: rlm@redlodgemountain.com

Web: www.redlodgemountain.com

Red Lodge Mountain gets rave reviews for value and guest services. It offers a big mountain and modern amenities at family-friendly prices. With newly expanded terrain, Red Lodge offers more downhill for the dollar than just about anywhere. Down the road, the lively western town of Red Lodge features unique shops, dining and entertainment.

Base Elevation 7,016 ft.
Top Elevation 9,416 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,400 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Lift Capacity 10,690 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 250 inches/yr.

JUST FOR KIDS

State-licensed day care facility for ages 6 months to 4 years—reservations and immunization records required. Wranglers for ages 4–6. Lift, instruction, rentals and fun. Trail Blazers for ages 7–12. Instruction, mountain exploring and fun.

EVENTS

Boarder Rally, December 18; Big Air and Slopestyle Contest, January 22; Winter Carnival, February 25–27; 3 Jump Jackpot, March 20; Closing day, April 10.

PACKAGES

- Winter Escape: Great early season rates. Ski 2 days/stay 2 nights—\$38 per person, per day (quad occupancy \$49 per person, per day), double occupancy. Available Nov. 26–Dec. 25, 2004.
- Cheap, Steep & Deep: Our most popular package. Ski 2 days/stay 2 nights—\$46 per person, per day, quad occupancy; \$60 per person, per day, double occupancy. Available Jan. 3–Feb. 18, 2005.
- Red Lodge Rendezvous: Stay midweek and add weekends for the same rate. Ski 2 days/stay 2 nights—\$50 per person, per day, quad occupancy; \$66 per person, per day, double occupancy. Available Feb. 22–April 10, 2005.

800-433-0022

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA



LOCATION

U.S. Highway 89, 10 minutes south of Neihart, 1 hour southeast of Great Falls, 30 minutes north of White Sulphur Springs, 2 hours northeast of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Fly Delta, Northwest or Horizon Air to Great Falls. Major car rentals available at the airport.

SEASON

Early December–early April,
Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays:
December 15, 2004–January 2, 2005
(closed Christmas Day), Martin Luther King,
Jr. Day–January 17, 2005 and President's
Day–February 21, 2005.

TRAILS & SLOPES

34 uncrowded runs on tree-lined trails and open slopes in the Lewis & Clark National Forest. 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced.

LIFTS

Chairs..... 1 triple, 1 double
Surface..... 2

RATES

Adult all area lift..... \$29
Junior (6–12)..... \$17
Senior (70+)..... \$17
Child (5 and under)..... Free
Poma lift..... \$5
Rope tow..... Free

RENTALS

Downhill package.....\$17/day
(all shaped skis)
Snowboard package.....\$27/day
Snowbikes.....\$30/day
(first-timers required to take a \$10 lesson)
Snowblades.....\$17/day

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, telemark and snowbike lessons. Group or private lessons. Kids' Snowmonsters and Little Shredders programs.

FOOD & DRINK

King's Hill Grill, The Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon and the T-bar in the base lodge, plus the Top Rock Eatery at the mountain summit.

LODGING

Accommodations nearest to the mountain are in Neihart, Monarch and White Sulphur Springs. Full accommodations in Great Falls. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 46.

CROSS-COUNTRY

12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area.

SNOWMOBILING

200 miles of groomed trails. Machine and clothing rentals at the ski area. Guided tours.

PO Box 92
Neihart, MT 59465
Information Line:
800-433-0022 or 406-236-5522
Fax: 406-236-5523
24-Hour Snow Phone:
406-771-1300
Web: www.showdownmontana.com

A Montana favorite for over 65 years! Showdown offers something for everyone, with an expanded lodge, day care, lesson programs for kids ages 4 years and older and the best skiing in central Montana.

Base Elevation..... 6,800 ft.
Top Elevation..... 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop..... 1,400 ft.
Longest Run..... 2 mi.
Lift Capacity..... 3,000 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall.... 240 inches/yr.

JUST FOR KIDS

Snowmonsters (ages 4–6) and Little Shredders (ages 7–10) include lesson and lift plus rental if needed. Day care at the base lodge. Reservations are required for ages 2 and under.

EVENTS

Mannequin Jumping, April 2, 2005; Eagle Mount Corporate Cup, February 26, 2005; Skier/Boarder Cross, February 19–20, 2005.

PACKAGES

Great Midweek Package: 2 days skiing and 2 nights lodging for as low as \$99 per person. Pricing based on double occupancy. Blackout dates apply. Call for details.



RYE CREEK LODGE

For more information:

Rye Creek Lodge
PO Box 877

Darby, MT 59829

888-821-3366

406-821-3366

E-mail: info@ryecreeklodge.com

Web: www.ryecreeklodge.com

A hideaway nestled in the spectacular Bitterroot range near the Continental Divide, we are just 25 miles from both Lost Trail Powder Mountain Ski Area and Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski Area and 5 miles from the Skalkaho/Rye Snowmobile Trail. We are 65 miles south of Missoula, Montana, which is served by Northwest, Delta, United and Alaska airlines.

Lost Trail Powder Mountain offers some of the best downhill snow in the Pacific Northwest and Chief Joseph

Cross-Country Ski Area has over 24 km of trails that are groomed weekly. These two ski areas receive an average snowfall of 300 inches per year. The snow is so deep and so dry that the term "powder" doesn't do it justice.

The Skalkaho/Rye Snowmobile Area offers 50 miles of groomed trails with spectacular views and a frozen waterfall.



Snowmobile rentals are available with or without a guide.

Stay in one of five luxurious hand-hewn log cabins. Each cabin has two bedrooms, a complete kitchen, a massive natural stone fireplace and a private outdoor hot tub. The cabins are distanced from each other by at least 100 yards for maximum privacy.

The Bitterroot Valley has a high population of wildlife including bighorn sheep, moose, mule deer and elk.

Nightly and weekly rates are available. Packages include snowmobiling and/or skiing and meals at a favorite local restaurant. Make your reservations early to ensure your choice of dates and accommodations. Summer vacations also are available.

SUSTAINING MONTANA'S RESOURCES

For more information:

Montana Department of Natural Resources
and Conservation

P.O. Box 201601

Helena, MT 59620-1601

406-444-2074

Web: www.dnrc.state.mt.us

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

1420 East 6th Avenue

Helena, MT 59620

406-444-2535 • TDD 406-444-1200

Web: www.fwp.state.mt.us

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) administers Montana's state school trust lands, including state forests. The agency is responsible for the stewardship, sustainability and improvement of the resources and benefits derived from these lands for current and future generations.

Effective March 1, 2004, persons who possess a Wildlife Conservation License may hunt, fish and trap on legally accessible state lands; however, trappers must also acquire a Special Recreational Use License from DNRC prior to trapping on state land. For most all other types of non-commercial and non-concentrated recreational activities, persons 12 and older must possess a State Land Recreational Use License, which is available from Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) license agents. Use of motorized vehicles, including use of snowmobiles on leased or licensed land, is restricted to public roads (subject to traffic laws/regulations) and on other roads that DNRC may designate open. On unleased or unlicensed land, snowmobile use is allowed in all areas unless prohibited by DNRC. Pamphlets that provide further

information regarding the rules, regulations and restrictions governing these and other activities on state lands are available from FWP offices, license agents and DNRC offices.



LONNIE BALL

QUIGLEY COTTAGE BED AND BREAKFAST

Open sun-filled rooms welcome you in and speak to your heart at Quigley Cottage Bed and Breakfast, "a haven of comfort and relaxation, where the weary traveler can unwind and partake of some good old-fashioned hospitality."

This picturesque country-style cottage located in scenic, historic Philipsburg is just minutes from Discovery Basin Ski Area, Georgetown Lake, Rock Creek and the Anaconda Pintler Wilderness area. The winter recreation opportunities are unlimited, from downhill and cross-country skiing to snowmobiling and ice fishing. The cottage has four guest rooms and a large gathering room with a fireplace. A butler's pantry is always available, stocked with a variety of beverages and snacks. Hearty breakfasts are served every morning. When booking the entire house, evening meals can be arranged.

For more information:
Quigley Cottage Bed and Breakfast
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Philipsburg, MT 59858
406-859-3812 or 800-382-4519
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Web: www.philipsburgbb.com

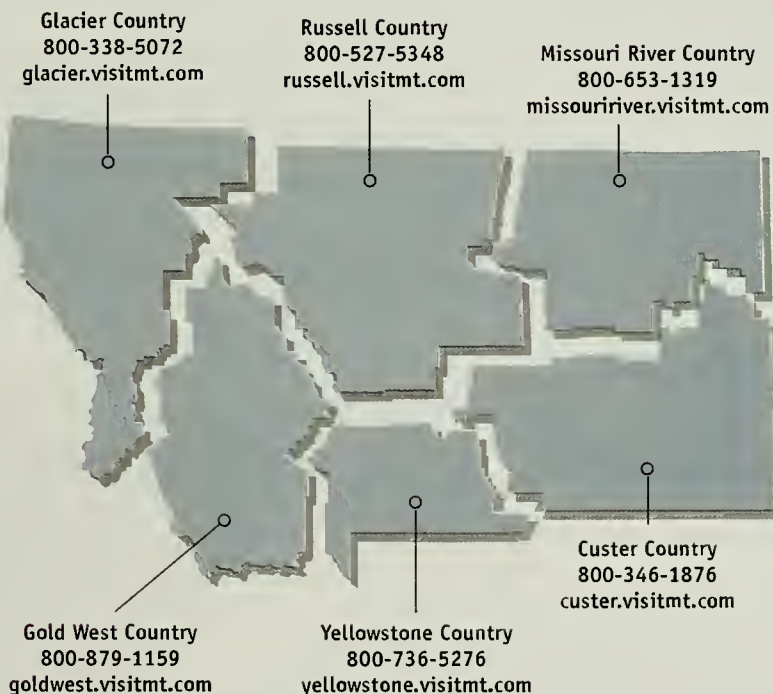
THE MOUNTAIN INN

Big Sky's newest slopeside hotel presents Western hospitality and exceptional value. Through the floor-to-ceiling windows of the Great Room, guests have a perfectly framed view of Big Sky's Lone Mountain, a commanding 11,000-foot peak that rises dramatically from a forested alpine valley.

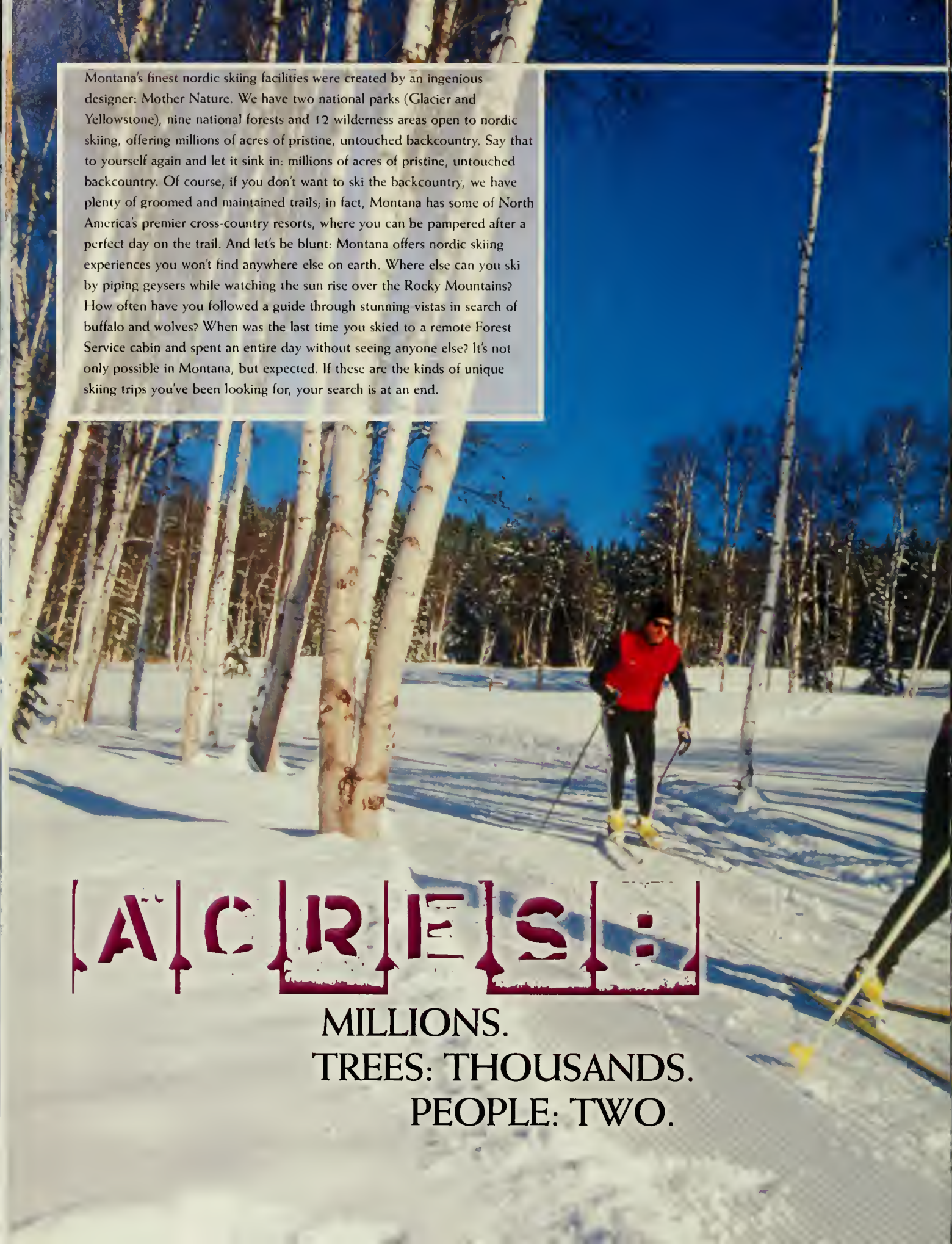
Features of the Mountain Inn include a deluxe continental breakfast served each morning, a heated indoor pool, four hot tubs, exercise room, large guest suites with 11-foot ceilings, high-speed Internet access, microwave and mini-fridge in every room and spacious conference rooms.

For more information:
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For your convenience, we have divided the state into six vacation regions, each with attractions and scenery that live up to its name. For more specific information on a particular region, contact the "countries" listed below.



Montana's finest nordic skiing facilities were created by an ingenious designer: Mother Nature. We have two national parks (Glacier and Yellowstone), nine national forests and 12 wilderness areas open to nordic skiing, offering millions of acres of pristine, untouched backcountry. Say that to yourself again and let it sink in: millions of acres of pristine, untouched backcountry. Of course, if you don't want to ski the backcountry, we have plenty of groomed and maintained trails; in fact, Montana has some of North America's premier cross-country resorts, where you can be pampered after a perfect day on the trail. And let's be blunt: Montana offers nordic skiing experiences you won't find anywhere else on earth. Where else can you ski by piping geysers while watching the sun rise over the Rocky Mountains? How often have you followed a guide through stunning vistas in search of buffalo and wolves? When was the last time you skied to a remote Forest Service cabin and spent an entire day without seeing anyone else? It's not only possible in Montana, but expected. If these are the kinds of unique skiing trips you've been looking for, your search is at an end.

A full-page photograph of a skier in a red jacket and black pants skiing through a snowy forest. The skier is in the middle ground, moving towards the right. The foreground and background are filled with numerous white-barked trees, likely aspens, under a clear blue sky. The snow is bright white, and the overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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MILLIONS.
TREES: THOUSANDS.
PEOPLE: TWO.

PHOTO BY CHUCK HANEY



SCOTT SPIKER

You might have skied in a city park before. Now try one that's a bit larger: Glacier or Yellowstone National Park. In Montana's northwest corner, majestic Glacier National Park has more than a million acres of scenic beauty, and a dozen ski trails waiting to be explored. Also be sure to ask about guided tours and ski rentals in the surrounding towns. To get maps and more information, contact: Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, or call 406-888-7800. Web: www.nps.gov/glac

In Yellowstone, your neighbors will be gurgling geysers and plenty of wildlife—including buffalo and elk. Venture into

wintermt.com

Yellowstone at one of Montana's two winter entrances (Gardiner and West Yellowstone). Ask about guided ski tours at Cooke City, Gardiner, West Yellowstone and Mammoth Hot Springs; if you want to venture from nordic skiing, you can also find snowcoach tours and snowmobile rentals. Contact: Park Information, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or call 307-344-7381. Web: www.nps.gov/yell

NATIONAL FORESTS.

MILLIONS OF BRANCHES TO SERVE YOU.

MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

www.fs.fed.us/r1/

U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Northern Region
406-329-3511
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/

Beaverhead-Deerlodge
National Forest
406-683-3900
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/b-d

Bitterroot National Forest
406-363-7100
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot

Custer National Forest
406-657-6200
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer

Flathead National Forest
406-758-5204
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead

Gallatin National Forest
406-587-6701
406-522-2520
(recreation information)
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin

Helena National Forest
406-449-5201
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena

Kootenai National Forest
406-293-6211
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai

Lewis & Clark National Forest
406-791-7700
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark

Lolo National Forest
406-329-3750
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo



DONNIE SIXTON

The national forests and grasslands of Montana reach from rugged mountain-tops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana to eastern prairies and badlands. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Sixteen downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Skiers can follow more than 400 miles (644 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,500 miles of designated trails, or they can explore

on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all nine national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

For those who seek a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, write or call the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region.

GROOMED SKI TOURING TRAILS ON MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS



TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS
TOTAL KM SKATING LANES
EASIEST
MORE DIFFICULT
MOST DIFFICULT
GROOMING

SKI TOURING TRAILS

CONTACT

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST AND BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails 28 miles W of Wisdom	24.6		8	14.5	2.1	W	District Ranger, Wisdom 406-689-3243 District Ranger, Sula 406-821-3201	Starts on north side of MT Hwy 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club. Maps available at trailhead. Warming hut.
Georgetown Lake Discovery Ski Area	3.2		3.2			W	District Ranger, Philipsburg 406-859-3211	Access from Discovery Ski Area and Georgetown and Echo Lakes. Maps available at Discovery Ski Area.

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

Round Meadows 15 miles NW of Whitefish	12.5		5.3	5.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Whitefish 406-863-5400	Snowmobiles prohibited; dogs must be controlled. Trees & meadows, moose sightings possible. Snowshoers welcome. Large plowed parking lot. Restroom & info board.
Blacktail Mountain 8 miles W of Lakeside	40.5		10	30.5		I	District Ranger, Bigfork 406-837-7500	No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road. Spectacular views of Flathead Lake and Valley and four mountain ranges.

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

Bear Creek Road Jardine, 5 miles NE of Gardiner	14.5	14.5	7	7.5		I	District Ranger, Gardiner 406-848-7375	Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road. Only occasionally groomed.
Rendezvous Complex West Yellowstone	42	42	14	16	12	D	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-823-6961	World-class grooming, both skate and classic. Dogs and snowmobiles prohibited. Groomed daily Dec 1-March 30. Fee \$5 per day. Season pass available.

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

MacDonald Pass 15 miles W of Helena	12	5	4	5	3	W	District Ranger, Helena 406-449-5490 or The Base Camp 406-443-5360	Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited. Three of the four loop trails are groomed by the Last Chance Nordic Ski Club.
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KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

Ross Creek Trail No. 4005 17 miles S of Troy, MT 56	13		11		2	I	District Ranger, Troy 406-295-4693	Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1. Trail goes to Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area.
Bear Creek 7 miles S of Libby	5.5		2.3	1.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited.
Rainbow Ridge 22 miles N of Libby	2.8			2.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Trail shared with snowmobiles.
Flatiron Summit 24 miles N of Libby	2.8			2.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited.
Timberlane Campground 9 miles N of Libby	3.3		2.5	0.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Ski play hill and sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring with firewood provided.
South Flower 4 miles SW of Libby	8.4		2.4	5.5	0.5	I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	
Birch Creek 16 miles SE of Eureka	6.6		6		0.6		District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area.
Grave Creek Road 16 miles SE of Eureka	45		35	10		I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Grooming by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club. Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area.
Laughing Water Creek Adj. to Murphy Lake Ranger Station	17		17			I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Closed to snowmobiles. Opportunities for wildlife viewing.
Therriault 10 miles SE of Eureka	18			16	2		District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Parking available at junction of Forest Service Roads 756 and 7077.

LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

Silver Crest 30 miles N of White Sulphur Springs	13.8	13.8	6.9	6.9		W	Belt Creek Ranger District, Neihart 406-236-5511	Park in Kings Hill Winter Recreation Area parking lot. Three warming huts. Seven miles SE of Neihart. Tow-behind sleds prohibited.
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LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

Pattee Canyon Ski Trail 5.5 miles SE of Missoula	9	9	1.6	4	3.4	D	Missoula Area Visitor Information, Missoula 406-329-3814	Closed to motorized vehicles. Two trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Groomed by Missoula Nordic Ski Club.
Seeley Lake Ski Trails 1 mile NE of Seeley Lake	18	18	3	12	3	I	District Ranger, Seeley Lake 406-677-2233	Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Maps available at trailhead and District Office. Groomed by Seeley Lake Ski Club.

GROOMED: I-Intermittent W-Weekly D-Daily NOTE: Some trails are groomed irregularly.

The EASIEST, MORE DIFFICULT and MOST DIFFICULT ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an EASIEST trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed Forest Service trails. Please contact the appropriate Forest Service office or ski club for current information before you ski. MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS are marked routes for experienced skiers only.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTERS/TRAILS

SKI CENTERS/TRAILS

TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS
TOTAL KM OF SKATING LANES
EASIEST MORE DIFFICULT
MOST DIFFICULT
GROOMING
TRAIL FEES
RENTALS
X-COUNTRY INSTRUCTION
FOOD SERVICE
LODGING ON SITE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1 Bigfork Community Nordic Center, 406-837-0783, 8 miles N of Bigfork	10	9	7.5	2.5		W	D		Y			Located at the foot of the Swan Mountain range just minutes north of the Bigfork Village
2 Big Mountain Nordic Center, 406-862-1900 800-859-3528 8 miles N of Whitefish	16	16	2.5	8.5	5	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Located at Big Mountain Resort. Spectacular views through forest settings, well maintained
3 Bohart Ranch, 406-586-9070 16 miles NE of Bozeman on MT Hwy 86	25	25	6	13	6	D	Y	Y	Y	S		Ski on varied terrain through forests and meadows. Scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon and Gallatin National Forest
4 Elkhorn Hot Springs, 406-834-3434 50 miles NW of Dillon	20		2.5	14.5	3	W		Y		Y	Y	Located in Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The Grasshopper Ridge Cross-Country Ski Trail (Nat'l Rec. Trail) has outstanding views
2 Glacier Nordic Center, 406-862-9498 1200 US Hwy 93 West, Whitefish	12	12	12			D	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Groomed by Glacier Nordic Club, located on Whitefish Lake Golf Course. Great family skiing. 3 km lighted trails until 11 p.m.
5 Holland Lake Lodge, 406-754-2282 25 miles N of Seeley Lake in Swan Valley	25	1	12	13		W		Y		Y	Y	All trails in Flathead National Forest. In addition to groomed trails, there is unlimited ski touring & backcountry skiing, snowshoe rentals.
6 Izaak Walton Inn, 406-888-5700 Essex	33	33	15	12	6	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Southern tip of Glacier National Park, halfway between East and West Glacier.
7 Lone Mountain Ranch, 406-995-4644 or 800-514-4644 12 miles S of Big Sky	85	85	15	56	14	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Cross-country ski ranch vacations near Yellowstone—some trails located on Gallatin National Forest
8 Meadow Lake Resort, 406-892-8700 7 miles E of Whitefish just off US Hwy 2	15		13.5	1.5		W				Y	Y	Open to the public. Located at Meadow Lake Golf Resort. Spectacular views near the gateway to Glacier National Park
9 Mountain Meadows Guest Ranch, 406-995-4997 12 miles S of Big Sky	25	25	11	10	4	D	Y	Y	Y		Y	Every trail offers the best views in Big Sky—Lone Peak to the Spanish Peaks to the Gallatin Range
10 Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area, 406-533-7655 Rd to Wisdom, 15 mi. S of Anaconda	25	15	5	10	10	W				Y		Groomed by Mile Hi Nordic Ski Club with Fish, Wildlife & Parks—outstanding vistas, historic sites, warming hut.
11 Red Lodge Nordic Center, 406-446-3562 2 miles W of Red Lodge on MT Hwy 78	15	15	4	7	4	W	D		Y			Nestled at base of Beartooth Mountains, great for families, all services in Red Lodge
12 Wade Lake Resort, 406-682-7560 30 miles W of West Yellowstone	35	8	15	20		W					Y	Trail system located on Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, exceptional wildlife—telemarking areas, secluded, snowshoe trails

Numbers preceding ski centers/trails correspond to circles 1 on map, page 6

Y—Yes GROOMING: I—Intermittent W—Weekly D—Daily NOTE: Some trails are groomed irregularly. FOOD SERVICE: S—Snacks

TRAIL FEES: D—Donations accepted THE EASIEST MORE DIFFICULT and MOST DIFFICULT ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an EASIEST trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed meadows and slopes. Please contact the appropriate ski center or ski club for current information before you ski

ABBOTT VALLEY HOMESTEAD

On the edge of expansive wilderness, Abbott Valley Homestead offers cabins that are rustically romantic, yet comfortably convenient. Located two miles off U.S. Highway 2, eight miles southwest of Glacier National Park and 20 miles from Whitefish and Big Mountain Resort, our cabins provide a comfortable "base-camp" for exploring northwest Montana.

The valley and surrounding mountains are home to an abundance of wildlife. A network of trails invites you into the great outdoors. Snowmobile the Flathead National Forest, cross-country ski or snowshoe from your door or in nearby Glacier National Park.

Our 250-acre working ranch has four renovated homestead cabins, sleeping six comfortably. Each cabin has a fully appointed kitchen, two bedrooms, a full bath, laundry area and a wood stove. Winter rates for weekends, three nights, weekly or monthly stays.

For more information:
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Web: www.abbottvalley.com

BOHART RANCH CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CENTER

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on MT Highway 86 in Bridger Canyon, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized private and Forest Service cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, Frisbee Golf and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of old Montana.

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For more information:

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The quintessential Montana experience. Established in 1900 and currently on the National Register of Historic Places, Chico is a year-round destination resort. Our winters are filled with cross-country skiing, wilderness dog sled treks, trips to nearby Yellowstone National Park and, of course, soaking in our natural mineral hot springs.

LOCATION

Chico is located on U.S. Highway 89, 23 miles south of Livingston and 30 miles north of Gardiner, the only entrance to Yellowstone National Park that's open year-round. Airline travel is accessed via Bozeman, 60 miles away. You can rent a car at the airport or call locally for a shuttle.

FACILITIES

Western comfort and hospitality abound at Chico. Accommodations range from our historic main lodge to private cabins, chalets and large log homes. The property also boasts 150 pristine acres, two restaurants, meeting facilities, two mineral hot pools, a unique gift shop, full day spa facilities and a Western saloon... something for everyone.

DINING

Chico has long been known for its landmark dining room. Creative continental cuisine is served in a comfortable atmosphere of casual elegance. The seafood is fresh, the steaks are large and the wine list is extensive. For more casual fare, try the Poolside Grille, serving salads, large sandwiches, burgers and excellent ribs and pizza. The Saloon offers a limited menu featuring overwhelming portions of barbecue ribs and chicken, and is known for its large selection of beer and "Paradise Margaritas."

CROSS-COUNTRY PROGRAM

Chico offers you an ideal home base regardless of your skiing level or desires. You can rent skis from us and head out to nearby Mill Creek Canyon on fresh untracked trails or you can drive to neighboring Yellowstone Park where wildlife and amazing natural wonders await you. There's nothing in the world like skiing past grazing elk in sheer silence or watching a geyser go off with winter as a backdrop. It's all part of the Chico experience. The real Chico experience, however, is putting your skis away or saying goodbye to your musher and stepping into the natural hot springs under the stars of a crisp Montana night!

RESERVATIONS

We have become a popular spot, which makes reservations for lodging a must. Weekends fill quickly so reservations are highly suggested to secure your choice of dates and accommodations.



LYNN DONALDSON

ABSAROKA DOG SLED TREKS

In the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, mush your own team of Siberian Huskies on a snow-covered trail running alongside a pristine mountain stream! Here's your opportunity to enjoy the unique experience of dog sledding for a day. Drawn by a team of 6-10 Siberian Huskies, you are offered the adventure of a lifetime. Bundle up the kids and hop on a sled driven by you and accompanied by a well-qualified, experienced musher. Have a romantic getaway as you explore the Gallatin National Forest of the Absaroka Mountains in gorgeous Mill Creek Canyon. Go for a two-hour trek or stop and savor the splendor while enjoying a picnic lunch on the half-day trek. Or take it all in and try the full-day trek, which offers steak and trout grilled to perfection. Treks leave daily Thanksgiving through March 31 from Chico Hot Springs. Owned and operated by Mark and Sharon Nardin, PO Box 134, Pray, MT 59065. Call 406-222-4645 or 406-333-4933 for reservations. E-mail: mnardin@wispswest.net Web: www.extrememontana.com

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Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.

FACILITIES

You may relax in an Empire Builder room with private bath, a Great Northern deluxe accommodation or a family suite, or enjoy the unique lodging of a refurbished and remodeled caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION

At Essex, just off U.S. Highway 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta, Northwest, America West, Big Sky or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door. Rental cars available at the Inn.

SEASON

Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS

More than 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially on the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE

Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is \$85-\$115 per person, including lunch, transportation and guide service. Ski rental equipment is available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages are available.

LESSONS

From beginner to advanced, our PSIA-certified instructors offer classic, skate, telemark and backcountry lessons.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about our three-, four- and five-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, two meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided ski tour and/or one guided snowshoe tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS

Kick Out the Kinks 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 5, 2004; Annual Ski Fest X-Country Festival, January 8-9, 2005; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 19-20, 2005.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

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LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH



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A full-service, winter vacation resort focusing on Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Alpine skiing and snowboarding just 6 miles away. Professionally groomed cross-country ski trails, well-maintained snowshoe trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top-quality ranch gourmet meals and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the winter vacation experience of a lifetime. Named by *Cross Country Skier* magazine poll as the top Nordic ski resort in North America.

LOCATION

Big Sky, Montana—48 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Horizon or United Airlines to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special airfares available.

SEASON

Ski from early December to mid-April.

TRAILS

85 km of professionally groomed, tilled and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. We also have marked snowshoe trails. A portion of these trails lie in the Gallatin National Forest.

NATURALIST-GUIDED SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRIPS

Naturalist-guided, all-day ski and snowshoe tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone Park. Skiing or snowshoeing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

OUTDOOR YOUTH ADVENTURES

Full- and half-day activities for children age 4-18.

SKI INSTRUCTION

Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of cross-country skiers.

OUTDOOR SHOP

Complete Nordic ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment.

VACATION PACKAGES

Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 60 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (7 nights) includes 3 complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh ride dinner, on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs and outdoor hot tub at \$1,600-\$1,996 per person, double occupancy. Alpine ski packages and short stays also are available. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

Day trail passes give you access to the cross-country and snowshoe trail system. Rental ski and snowshoe packages, outdoor ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski and snowshoe tours, guided fly fishing trips, kids' program and old-fashioned sleigh ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

FLY FISHING

Lone Mountain Ranch is the 2002 ORVIS®-Endorsed Lodge of the Year, providing top-quality guided walk/wade trips during the winter months.

SLEIGH RIDE DINNERS

Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleigh ride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening.

RESERVATIONS

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to ensure your choice of dates and accommodations. Summer family ranch vacations, honeymoon packages and conference facilities also are available.

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SAFARI YELLOWSTONE

Winter in Yellowstone is like no other season—a landscape softened and transformed by snow, a “Winter Wonderland.” Imagine gliding on cross-country skis or snowshoeing beside frozen rivers and steaming geothermal features. Wildlife seems to be everywhere, with wolves hunting and playing, as winter is the season of the wolf. Bison dusted with



snow stand majestically against the drama of a winter storm. The solitude will make you feel as if you are alone in this magical place.

Safari Yellowstone's winter safaris are second to none. From our ever popular and #1-rated Wolf and Wildlife Safaris to exploring Yellowstone's heartland in one of our custom, heated snowcoaches, we offer guests the widest variety of winter activities. Ski or snowshoe with one of our naturalist guides into a landscape filled with majestic wildlife, frozen waterfalls, spectacular scenery and hidden steaming thermal areas.

Departing from Mammoth Hot Springs, our Snowcoach Safaris offer daily adventures to Old Faithful or the beautiful Grand Canyon of the

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SNOWMOBILING AREAS



Eastern Montana has several areas that offer opportunities for snowmobiling. Contact the Montana Snowmobile Association, 330 Sacajawea Dr., Bozeman, MT 59718 for more information.

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SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on US Hwy 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier, and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from intermediate to expert, on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes, avalanches and sudden storms can make for extreme conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	38 miles
FLATHEAD VALLEY (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) 	The Flathead Valley encompasses the communities of Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Kalispell and Bigfork in northwest Montana and can be accessed via US Hwy 93 and US Hwy 2. Air service is centrally located at Glacier Park International Airport (FCA). Amtrak has regular east-west rail service to Whitefish, just minutes from trailheads.	Northwest Montana's Recreation Wonderland boasts over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, with nearly 2,000 miles of U.S.D.A. Forest Service roads that take you into great hill climbing, powder play areas, wildlife viewing and spectacular ridgetop views of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Add to that more than 4,000 acres of skiing at Big Mountain Resort, ample cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating and dog sledding and you have a true winter playground.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
HAUGAN 	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, De Borgia and Saltese with designated trails, open meadows and scenic views.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'; Cooper Creek, Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	120 miles
KOOTENAI COUNTRY 	The northwest corner of the state is where you'll find Kootenai Country. Nearest airports are Kalispell (65 miles southeast of Eureka, 90 miles southeast of Libby) and Spokane (160 miles west of Libby). Libby and Eureka also have smaller airports.	The mountains of Kootenai Country provide breathtaking views and hours of recreation. After a day of snowmobiling in the Purcell Mountains (via US Hwy 2), drive to Troy or the nearby Scandinavian town of Libby and enjoy the atmosphere and congeniality that the area and its residents offer. On the northeast side of Kootenai Country (via US Hwy 93), Eureka, Trego and Fortine offer historical views of small town life in Montana.	Libby, 2,066'; trails to 5,800'; Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	153 miles
LOLO PASS 	Lolo Pass is on US Hwy 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass 7 miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests. A parking pass is required at Lolo Pass.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
MISSION MOUNTAINS 	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on US Hwy 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. Because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation, snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
SEELEY LAKE 	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT Hwys 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT Hwy 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
HAMILTON/ SKALKAHO 	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is 2 miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on US Hwy 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	58 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are Two Medicine, Skyland and Pike Creek. These are rugged trails on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile rentals are available at J-L Rental in Columbia Falls, 406-892-7666. Lodging and food are available at Snow Slip Inn, 406-226-9381; Half-Way House, 406-888-5650; and East Glacier Park, 12 miles east.	Cut Bank Snowgoers, Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427; Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041, Web: cutbankchamber.com; Lewis & Clark National Forest, 1101 15th St N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
Canyon Creek to Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the Olney Creek and Taylor Creek trails. Continuing north, the Graves Creek/Mount Marston trail system goes over the Whitefish Mountain Range to upper Whitefish and Red Meadow lakes. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the Desert Mountain area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the Crane Mountain and Allard areas.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Great lodging facilities are located in each community and range from bed & breakfasts, cabins, condos, lodges and ranches to small, independent motels and deluxe, full-service hotels/convention centers.	Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau (FCVB), 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-543-3105, Web: fcvb.org. Call the FCVB for a free trail guide and information on Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Whitefish, Flathead Snowmobile Association, South Fork Snowmobile Association, and Flathead National Forest.
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Milwaukee/Dominion, Big Creek, Deer Creek/Up Up and Taft Summit. These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow travel routes and provide loop tours.	Food and lodging are available in De Borgia, Haugan, Saltese and Thompson Falls. Fuel is available in Haugan, St. Regis, Saltese and Thompson Falls only. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls.	Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club, Box 420035, Haugan, MT 59842, 406-678-4242 or 208-682-4963, e-mail: silverdollar@blackfoot.net, Web: montananightriders.org Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930.
Several groomed trails are available throughout Kootenai Country. Of special note is the rugged Keeler-Rattle trail system, giving views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness; the 60 miles of loop trails in the Purcell Mountains; and the Pete Creek Trail traveling into mountain bowls and alpine lakes. The Grave Creek/Ten Lakes Trail begins at the Birch Creek Recreation Site parking facility and leads into the northeast corner of Kootenai Country.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka, Fortine and Trego. Snowmobile services and sales are available in Eureka and Libby.	Libby Ranger Dist., Kootenai Nt'l. Forest, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773; Three Rivers Ranger Dist., Kootenai Nt'l. Forest, 1437 N. US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; Fortine Ranger Dist., 14333 US 93 S., Box 116, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451; Rexford Ranger Dist., Kootenai Nt'l. Forest, 1299 US 93 N., Eureka, MT 59917, 406-296-2536; Libby Chamber, Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-4167, Web: libby.org; Lincoln Cty. Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club, Box 1180, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8585, e-mail: toysr1@hotmail.com; Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club, Box 404, Eureka, MT 59917, 406-889-5074
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. East Fork, Lost Park System, Elk Meadows and Moose Ridge are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming, camping and snowmobile rentals are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales and service, are available in Missoula.	Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; Missoula Snowgoers, Box 2441, Missoula, MT 59806-2441; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 103, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-526-3465, Web: www.missoulacvb.org
The Boulder Trail starts just off MT Hwy 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed Jocko Lake Trail provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys.	Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club, 111 Round Butte Rd., Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include Double Arrow Lookout, with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; Elsin Lake, site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Drifters Snowmobile Club; Seeley Lake-Ovando, a favorite for those who like to dine and dash and Marshall Lake, a scenic 15-mile loop.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides, and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Limited services are available on the trail.	Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, HC 31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; Seeley Lake Drifters, Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-7777, e-mail: drifters@blackfoot.net; Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880, Web: www.seeleylakechamber.com; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 103, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-526-3465, Web: www.missoulacvb.org
The Skalkaho Pass area offers 26 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek area has 32 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	Bitterroot National Forest Office, 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-7100; Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce, 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400, Web: www.bvchamber.com; Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-5287, Web: www.ridgerunners.org

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AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
DEER LODGE 	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in westcentral Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	59 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Hwy 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT Hwy 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valleys region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT Hwy 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	More than a century ago, Garnet was a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops and homes for more than a thousand residents. Today much of Garnet is publicly owned and managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. A 110-mile groomed trail system has opened the town and surrounding area to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness and the Pintler Range. Web: garnetghosttown.org	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	116 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 	Pintler Scenic Route (MT Hwy 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing and downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake, fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	140 miles
HELENA 	Helena is at the junction of I-15, US Hwy 12 and US Hwy 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or US 287 north-south or US 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns and high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
LINCOLN 	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT Hwy 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Hwy 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse, then explore more than 250 miles of groomed trails and unlimited play areas. Eight major trails start right in town where sledding is permitted on roadway shoulders. Most trails are lightly traveled, with breathtaking views around every turn. Deer, elk and an occasional moose may be seen.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	250 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 	Ennis is on US Hwy 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on US 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON/SULA 	Junction of MT Hwy 43 and Hwy 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
The snowmobile trailhead is 8 miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 91.5 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White House Campground and other points of interest	Food, lodging, fuel and vehicle service are available in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile service and rentals are in Butte, 40 miles east.	Pintler Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, #1 Hollenback Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722, 406-846-1770; Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club, Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722, Web link through http://mtsnow.org
Trails lead to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the Wisdom/Jackson trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson) and head north to the Wise River trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to Reservoir Lake you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, and snowmobile and clothing rentals are available in Polaris. Food, lodging, fuel and snowmobile sales and service are available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins are at Bear and Reservoir lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing are nearby.	Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-3900; Beaverhead Sno-Riders, Box 867, Dillon, MT 59725, 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail, which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including First Chance Gulch, Top O'Deep and Chamberlain Creek, take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services including snowmobile sales, rentals and service are available in Missoula, 30 miles west on MT Hwy 200 and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet. Winter groups of 10 or more may find lodging at Lubrecht Forest next to the MT 200 trailhead. 406-244-5524	Missoula Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59804, 406-329-3914; Garnet Preservation Association, 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59804, 406-329-1031; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau, 1121 E. Broadway, Ste. 103, Missoula, MT 59802, 800-526-3465, Web: www.missoulacvb.org
Three major trail systems include East Fork, west of Georgetown Lake, which offers popular family snowmobiling with views of the Anaconda Pintler Mountains, Red Lion, east of Georgetown Lake, which offers more challenging riding with an ever-present deep snowpack, and Blodgett, south of Georgetown Lake, which offers family touring with a snow shelter for picnics and cookouts. Other popular trails include Peterson Meadows, Montgomery Ridge, Windy Ridge, Storm Lake, Happy Creek, Warm Springs and Hidden Lake.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda.	Pintler Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 88 10-A Business Loop, Philipsburg, MT 59858, 406-859-3211; Anaconda Snowmobile Club, 202 Warren St., Anaconda, MT 59711
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The Marysville area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the Minnehaha-Rimini area with 120 miles of groomed trails. Northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the Magpie-Sunshine area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest, 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601, 406-449-5490; Helena Snowdrifters, Box 5505, Helena, MT 59604, 406-443-0108 or 406-458-6538; Helena Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120, Web: helenachamber.com
Popular trails include scenic Huckleberry Pass, a tree-lined route with several play areas, which connects to the Seeley Lake trail system; Keep Cool, a scenic lake tour; Stonewall Mountain, an advanced ride with spectacular views; Dalton Mountain, an easy trail with play areas; and Alice Creek, scenic territory with play areas. There are a few restricted areas, lots of play areas and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, service, rentals, licensed guide services, lodging, food and fuel are all available in Lincoln. Join the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club at their heated clubhouse for poker runs, moonlight rides and picnics all season long. Cross-country skiing is nearby.	Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest, Box 785, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-369-4140; Ponderosa Snow Warriors, Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4078 or 406-362-4536; Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4949
Three snow trail systems provide access to the Gravelly Range in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The trail from Virginia City follows Alder Gulch through the ghost town of Summit City. A 50-mile loop trail from Lyons Bridge off US Hwy 287 takes more experienced riders to the spine of the Gravelly Range, while an easier route through Antelope Basin provides access to resorts at Elk and Cliff lakes. In the Tobacco Root Range, north of Ennis, a 12-mile groomed trail brings sledders to 7 high mountain lakes in the North Meadow Creek area.	Food, fuel and lodging are available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast accommodations are available in Virginia City.	Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729, 406-682-4253; Vigilante Snowmobilers, Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5484 or 406-682-5250
Join the popular Wise River-Polaris Trail (see Dillon/Polaris) and Wise River trails (see Wise River) or the Steel Creek trails just east of Wisdom, or head west on the Gibbonsville Road, which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The Placer Creek Trail crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the Stewart Meadow Complex in this system.	Food, lodging and fuel are available in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service are in Jackson.	Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3108; Big Hole Snowmobile Club, Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761, 406-689-3400; Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, 7338 US 93 S, Sula, MT 59871, 406-821-3201

SNOWMOBILING QUICK REFERENCE CHART

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
WISE RIVER 17	MT Hwy 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail, or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River. The Wise River-Elkhorn Hot Spring National Recreation Snowmobile Trail connects Wise River with the Grasshopper Valley.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 9,400'	150 miles
ELK PARK 18	Elk Park is minutes from Butte. Butte is at the junction of I-90 and I-15. Use either highway or fly into Bert-Mooney Airport.	Nestled on the Continental Divide, Elk Park is just minutes from Butte and offers some of southwest Montana's best snowmobiling. The Elk Park trail system provides spectacular views and easy access for families and people of all ages. The trail system ties into the Deer Lodge trail system for additional riding opportunities.	Butte, 5,200'; Elk Park, 6,500'	38 miles
BIG TIMBER 19	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in southcentral Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 70 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence and over 15 miles of groomed trails south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful road corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	15 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 20	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or US Hwy 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE/ GARDINER 21	Extreme southcentral Montana on US Hwy 212. Nearest airport from Cooke City is Bozeman, 140 miles north-west on I-90, US Hwy 89 and Mammoth-Cooke City Highway. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. US 212, east of Cooke City, is closed in winter. Gardiner is on US 89 north of Yellowstone.	Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. These friendly communities consist of "80 people, dogs, moose and an occasional bison." The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines. Gardiner, located at the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, provides easy access to park trails.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 22	Junction of I-90 and US Hwy 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west of Livingston on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges—the Absarokas and the Crazies—provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	44.5 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE 23	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of US Hwy 191/287 and US Hwy 20. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 180 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside. Please check the park's new snowmobiling regulations before planning your trip.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	580 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 24	US Hwy 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on US Hwy 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky Country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	250 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Trails include Quartz Hill , leading to a massive, high plateau and Anderson Meadows , which leads to backcountry lakes and meadow play areas. Lacy Creek has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Long Tom has open areas and 11 miles of groomed trails and leads to the Long Tom Cabin , a warming hut. Mt. Haggin has 15 miles of groomed trails leading to large play areas at high elevation.	Snowmobile service is available in Wise River . Fuel, food and lodging are in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club .	Wise River Ranger District , Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762 , 406-832-3178; Wise River Jackpine Savages , Box 65, Wise River, MT 59762 , 406-832-3258.
Elk Park trails offer a 38-mile loop through the Lowlands and Lockhart areas with groomed family trails and some open play areas. This loop connects with the Deer Lodge trail system for extended riding areas. A convenient parking area with easy access is just 2 miles off I-15.	All services are available in Butte , including hotels, motels, restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Full-service dealerships for all major brands are waiting to serve you in Butte . Rentals are available in the Georgetown Lake area.	Butte Ranger District , Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 1820 Meadowlark , Butte, MT 59701 , 406-494-2147; Jefferson Ranger District , 3 Whitehall Rd. , Whitehall, MT 59759 , Mining City Trail Riders , Box 4885, Butte, MT 59701 , 406-723-5400.
Two trails provide a variety of snowmobile opportunities in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber . The 15-mile Boulder Canyon Trail takes snowmobilers through the ghost town of Independence to the bowls and meadows in the high country at the head of the main Boulder drainage. This groomed trail is of moderate difficulty. Shorter and easier is the Dry Fork area with a large play area. This 5-mile trail is not groomed.	Snowmobile sales and service, food and lodging are available in Big Timber .	Big Timber Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest , Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011 , 406-932-5155; Sweet Grass County Recreation Association , Box 922, Big Timber, MT 59011 , 406-932-4266.
Included in the system is the 120-mile Big Sky Snowmobile Trail between Bozeman and West Yellowstone . Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. Buck Creek Ridge , off US Hwy 191 south of Big Sky , provides miles of excellent play areas. North of town are the Brackett-Fairy Lake and Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge trails.	A full range of services are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon . Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky . Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association .	Bozeman Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest , 3710 Fallon St. , Suite C, Bozeman, MT 59718 , 406-522-2520; Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association , Box 3164, Bozeman, MT 59772 , Web: www.snowtana.com ; Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce , 2000 Commerce Dr. , Bozeman, MT 59715 , 800-228-4224 or 406-586-5421, Web: bozemanchamber.com ; Big Sky Chamber of Commerce , Box 160100, Big Sky, MT 59716 , 800-943-4111 or 406-995-3000, Web: www.bigskychamber.com .
Popular connecting trails are Daisy Pass Road , Lulu Pass Road , Round Lake and Henderson Mountain . The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming . All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, lodging and food are available in Cooke City and Gardiner . Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available. Call the Gardiner Ranger District for information on guided snowmobile tours.	Gardiner Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest , Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030 , 406-848-7375; Yellowstone National Park , WY, 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206, Web: www.nps.gov/yell/ ; Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club , Box 1111, Cooke City, MT 59020 , 406-838-2036; Cooke City/Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce , Box 1071, Cooke City, MT 59020 , 406-838-2495; Gardiner Chamber of Commerce , Box 81, Gardiner, MT 59030 , 406-848-7971.
Trails include the 20-mile Shields Loop , with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 7.5-mile Cottonwood Trail , the Ibex Cabin Trail , also with Forest Service cabin rental; and the Mill Creek and the Rock Creek South , with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston and Gardiner , about an hour south of Livingston on US Hwy 89 . For trail information, contact the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club .	Livingston Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest , 5242 US 89 S. , Livingston, MT 59047 , 406-222-1892; Big Sky Snowriders , Box 365, Livingston, MT 59047 , 406-222-0378; Livingston Chamber of Commerce , 303 E. Park St. , Livingston, MT 59047 , 406-222-0850, Web: livingston.avicom.net .
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the lower Grand Loop , which takes you to Old Faithful , Yellowstone Lake , Norris Geyser Basin and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin , Beaverhead-Deerlodge and Targhee national forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner . Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food and fuel are available.	West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce , Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 , 406-646-7701; Web: westyellowstonechamber.com ; Hebgen Lake Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest , Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758 , 406-823-6961; Yellowstone National Park , WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206, Web: www.nps.gov/yell/ .
Popular loop trails are Kings Hill , Higgins Park , Moose Mountain and Divide Road (Big A Loop) , all with big powder play areas and unforgettable panoramic views. Other popular trails are Deadman , Lamb Creek and Jumping Creek . Joining Kings Hill from the east is the Judith Trail System .	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging are in Great Falls , Lewistown and White Sulphur Springs . Snowmobile rentals and lunch are at Showdown . Fuel, food and lodging are in Lewistown , Monarch and Neihart . Guided tours available. A large parking area, the Kings Hill Winter Recreation parking lot, is available on US Hwy 89 , as well as other overflow parking in the area.	Belt Creek Ranger District , Lewis & Clark National Forest , 4234 US Hwy 89 , Neihart, MT 59465 , 406-236-5511; Great Falls Snowmobile Club , Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406 ; Little Belt Snowmobile Club , Box 213, Hobson, MT 59452 or Clint Dahlhausen , HC 90, Box 85, Moccasin, MT 59462 , e-mail: csdahl@ttc-cmc.net ; Meagher County Little Belters Snowmobile Club , Box 315, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645 , 406-547-2169, e-mail: mcblsnowclub@yahoo.com ; Castle Mountain Sports , 406-547-2330.

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SEASON

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Web: www.mountainmeadowsranch.com

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1325 N. 7th Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715

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Fax: 406-587-9437

E-mail: grantree@grantrecinn.com

Web: www.bestwestern.com/grantrecinn

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15795 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715

800-223-9609 (US & Canada) or

406-586-1518, Fax: 406-587-1069

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Web: www.bridgerbowl.com

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406-848-7536, Fax: 406-848-7062
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Web: www.yellowstonecomfortinn.com

Yellowstone Super 8. Located at the North Entrance, Gardiner offers year-round adventure for everyone. Year-round access to the park at the North Entrance allows for some of the best wildlife viewing in Yellowstone. Photographers, hikers and skiers will find the Super 8 to be a great base camp to explore Yellowstone. We offer economy lodging with friendly service, clean comfortable rooms, family rooms and a full kitchen suite, all at a great price. Amenities include an indoor heated pool and a complimentary coffee and juice bar. Rooms with refrigerators and microwaves are available.
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800-800-8000 (national reservations) or
406-848-7401, Fax: 406-848-9410
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Web: www.yellowstonesuper8.com

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877-862-1505 or 406-862-3000
Fax: 406-862-0326
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Web: www.montanasfinest.com

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Web: www.bitterrootriverinn.com

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Exit 16, I-90 in Haugan, MT 59842
800-531-1968 or 406-678-4242
E-mail: silverdollar@blackfoot.net

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406-755-3798, Fax: 406-752-1304
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Web: www.yellowstonefairfieldinn.com

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Web: www.ThreeBearLodge.com

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WINTER RECREATION SAFETY TIPS

HAZARDS & RISKS

It is impossible to keep recreationists informed on the status of millions of acres of forest and thousands of miles of trails. Snow conditions can change dramatically from day to day, even hour to hour. Be on the lookout for rocks, stumps and fallen trees. Other potential hazards include caves and overlooks, abandoned mining tunnels and shafts, decaying structures and equipment, contaminated water, changing weather conditions, landslides and avalanches, exhaustion and hypothermia.

WINTER WEATHER

The winter recreation season generally extends from late November through March, with snow conditions improving as the season progresses. Temperatures can range from 50 degrees F above zero to 50 below, but averages generally run from 20 to 35 degrees above zero, with mostly sunny skies. Storms can develop quickly and you should be prepared for them:

- Be in good physical condition when you set out
- Check the forecast before you leave.
- Pack enough extra clothing, food and gear for a possible overnight.
- Let someone know where you're going and when you intend to return.
- Travel in groups of at least three; if snowmobiling, have two machines.
- Turn back if the weather looks bad.

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a loss of body temperature caused by exposure to cold and aggravated by moisture, wind and exhaustion. If steps are not taken to raise the victim's body temperature, mental and physical collapse will result. Watch for these symptoms:

- Uncontrollable fits of shivering
- Vague, slow, slurred speech
- Memory lapses, incoherence
- Immobility, fumbling hands
- Frequent stumbling
- Drowsiness, exhaustion

To avoid hypothermia, stay dry. Insulate your body against cold, wet weather by wearing wool or fleece pile and waterproof clothing, including a knit cap. Dress warmly before you start shivering. If your

clothing doesn't keep you warm, get out of the cold. If you can't get out, build a fire and make camp while you still have energy. Don't wait until you're exhausted.

To treat hypothermia, shelter the victim and remove all wet clothing. Get the victim into warm, dry clothes, a warm, dry sleeping bag and try to feed the victim warm liquids. Keep the victim awake. If he or she becomes sick or unconscious, seek medical attention immediately.

AVALANCHE

Avalanche is a real and present danger. Carry and know how to use avalanche equipment, including transceivers, probe poles and shovels. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to understand avalanche conditions and re-route your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. They are triggered by a variety of slope, snow and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE:

- Call out to other members of your party can track your location.
- If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top, work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body or ski pole above the surface.

- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR, YOU ARE A VICTIM'S BEST HOPE OF SURVIVAL.

- Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he or she is trapped.
- Search for the victim directly downslope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.
- Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation and shock. Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avalanche conditions are available at local Forest Service offices.

AVALANCHE ADVISORY

Northwest Montana: 406-257-8402

Web: www.glacieravalanche.org

Southwest Montana:

(Gallatin FS Avalanche Center) 406-587-6981

Web: www.mtavalanche.com

West-Central Montana:

(Missoula Regional Avalanche Advisory)

406-549-4488 or 800-281-1030 (in MT)

Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/avalanche/advisory.htm

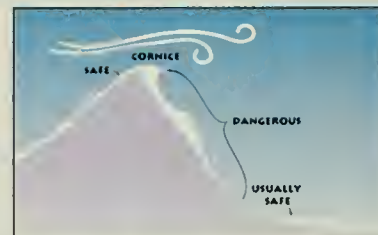
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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Winter recreationists are responsible for their own personal safety.

- Snowmobilers must know how to operate their machines and should always drive safely and courteously.
- Snowmobilers should operate machines at safe speeds and be prepared to stop within half the distance they can see when driving.
- Skiers and snowboarders should always stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Drinking doesn't mix with snowmobiling, skiing, snowboarding or any other outdoor winter activity requiring clear judgment.
- Snowmobilers, skiers and snowboarders must yield to those who are moving slower.
- It is recommended that snowmobilers take avalanche awareness and search-and-rescue field courses.

WIND CHILL

Wind can be a deadly enemy because of its cooling effect on already cold temperatures. The wind chill chart illustrates the effect of wind and temperature on a dry, properly clothed person. If clothing is wet from perspiration or precipitation, the effect is even greater.

Wind speed MPH	Temperature (Degrees F)															
	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35
Equivalent Wind Chill Temperature																
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-83

Frostbite Times

30 minutes 10 minutes 5 minutes

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Travel Advice from Montana's Snowplow Drivers

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

VISIBILITY

See and be seen. Keep your headlights and tail lights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and obscure your windows.

COMMON SENSE

Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. Drive defensively. Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.

PATIENCE

Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads is sure to get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year. Finally, leave the cruise control off for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck.


Always be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call 511 or 800-226-ROAD (7623) from the U.S. or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.

WEATHER REPORTS

- MISSOULA (northwest MT) 406-329-4840
- GREAT FALLS (central & southwest MT) 406-453-2081
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